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# Police kill 3 robbery suspects

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POLICE in Delta State command have gunned down three armed robbery suspects in last Saturday's gun duel with a 15-man gang in Asaba, the state capital.

In another development, a police officer serving in Anambra state was last Saturday reported to have committed suicide in his residence at Issele Uku in Aniocha North Council Area of Delta State.

The robbers had mounted siege in the state capital as they shot sporadically causing confusion among residents, who scampered for safety.

The development had forced traders at the busy Ogbeogonogo market along Nnebisi road, drinking spots and other business outlets to shut down shops for fear of being hit by stray bullets from the fire power of the rampaging robbers.

A police corporal attached to the state command was shot by the bandits during the pandemonium and was rushed to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Also a newly wed couple whose

identities were not immediately known had escaped death by whiskers as the robbers in an attempt to snatch from them a Land cruiser Jeep with registration number (ABUJA) EM 250 ABC which they were returning from their wedding reception held in the city, forced them (couple) to ram into a nearby building near United Bank of Africa, UBA, along Umuagu junction.

The couple who are indigenes of Agbor in Ika South local government area were said to have tied their nuptial knot at the Christ Embassy Church Asaba from where they proceeded to the reception ground enroute to their home to entertain guests before the unfortunate incident.

They had attempted to snatch the jeep from the couple who were driving home alongside the little bride and page boy and other members of the bridal train in a bid to escape from police hot chase but were unlucky. However, one of the members of the gang was arrested while some others fled.

Daily Champion gathered that the robbers had earlier in their operation raided Sam Joe Filling

station along Okpanam road where they dispossessed the attendants, motorists and other people of huge sums of money.

It was gathered that the robbers who operated in a commando style arrived the city in the morning and had drunk themselves to stupor before engaging in the dastardly operation.

Following the raid, the anti-crime patrol teams from the state command were alerted who on receipt of the information blocked all entry points and trailed the hoodlums who stormed the city in an Audi 80 saloon car with registration number (Enugu) JCM 396 ENU.

At Ibusa junction, the bandits had engaged the police in a fierce gun battle that led to the death of three of the robbers.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Miss Olabisi Okuwobi an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) who confirmed the incident commended the gallant officers of the command for their prompt response that overpowered the siege mounted by the robbers.